

Minutes of the Land Use, Parks and Environment Committee - May 4, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chair Kolb.

Present: Chair Walter Kolb, County Board Supervisors Kathleen Cummings, Pauline Jaske, Scott Klein, Bill Kramer, Daniel Pavelko, Vera Stroud

Staff Present: County Board Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Legislative Policy Advisor Mark Mader, Legis. Associate Sandra Meisenheimer

Also Present: Parks and Land Use Director Dale Shaver, Parks System Manager Jim Kavemeier, Enterprise Operations Mgr. Peter Pulos, Environmental Health Mgr. George Morris, Land Resources Mgr. Perry Lindquist, Planning & Zoning Mgr. Dick Mace, County Board Chairman Jim Dwyer

Committee Welcome and Opening Remarks by County Board Chairman Jim Dwyer

Chairman Dwyer welcomed the members and thanked them for accepting their assignments. The next two years are going to be challenging at times, but he looks forward to working together as a team. He stated if someone is going to be late or absent please contact Chair Kolb or the County Board Office. He wished everyone well and said he is always available for questions and concerns.

Executive Committee Report

Kolb reviewed some of the items that were discussed and/or considered at the last meeting on May 3, 2004: 1) several issues regarding the Federated Library System (annual report, projected 2005 budget), 2) Environmental Health Division licensing program, and 3) two tax refund intercept appeals and one tax payment appeal.

Nomination and Election of Committee Vice-Chair and Secretary

Motion: Cummings moved, second by Kramer, to nominate and elect Supervisor Pavelko as Vice-Chair. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

Motion: Pavelko moved, second by Cummings, to nominate and elect Supervisor Jaske as Secretary. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

Discuss Committee Duties and Responsibilities as Contained in the Code of Ordinances

Esler reviewed at length the duties and responsibilities as contained in the code as the committee asked questions and discussed. He stated this committee is also the Land Conservation Committee, as required by State Statutes, and the County Board Chair appoints one additional member. At present, this member is Robert Stigler. Another responsibility is acting as the UW-Extension and Agriculture Committee, which is also statutorily required. Esler mentioned that the Solid Waste Management Board, under this committee's purview, is considered the most powerful board ever created as it has the authority to hire and fire its department staff, as well as acquire property pending County Board approval.

Consider Proposed Ordinance: 159-O-001 Authorization of a Land Exchange Between Waukesha County and the Town of Merton

Kavemeier presented a power point on the land exchange. He covered the following: Location Map, Recommended Land Use Plan (green-what we own; orange-proposed), Oconomowoc River Greenway Map, Waukesha County Property Aerial Photo, Waukesha County Property Site Map, Waukesha County Property (views of entrance to ball fields and the ball fields), Town of Merton shelter, property aerial photo, property site map, property views (from Laskin Road, to the north, farmed area, and wetlands), and the Waukesha County and Town of Merton exchange calculations.

He stated that this ordinance transfers approximately 20 acres of the county's parcel (Baumgartner) in exchange for approximately 24.3 acres owned by the Town of Merton. The current estimated value of the county property is \$285,000 and the town's property is \$234,875. The \$50,125 variance between the parcels exchanged reflects the Town of Merton's original contribution toward the Baumgartner acquisition in 1998.

Kavemeier said why would we want to do this? He stated it is a matter of control and of allowing the Town of Merton to utilize their land, which they have already developed as a Town Park without having to come to the county and ask permission every time they want to do a development. Also, it allows the county to acquire land adjacent to the river, which is consistent with the Waukesha County Park and Open Space Plan and the Greenway Plan.

Motion: Klein moved, second by Pavelko, to approve Ordinance 159-O-001. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

Consider Proposed Ordinance: 159-O-002 Authorize the Development of a County Operated Adult Hockey League and Create Revenue and Expenditure Budgets for the Waukesha County Ice Arenas

Shaver and Pulos were present. This ordinance modifies the 2004 Ice Arenas Fund budget for a portion of the increase in user fee revenues estimated to be \$36,000 through December 31. This revenue budget increase is only a portion of what is expected to be generated from user fee charges to league participants for the first fall/winter season. The funds will pay for direct costs associated with referee payments (estimated at \$23,000) and use of the Mullet Ice Arena in Hartland (estimated at \$13,000).

Kolb asked where else in the area are indoor adult hockey leagues being organized? Pulos said in Madison and at the Pettit Center, as well as at the new rink in Cudahy when it opens.

Pulos said at one time there were 45 teams in the fall/winter period but now we're down to 30 teams. Every team plays about 1½ hours of game time per week, which adds up to significant dollars. For just one league that amounts to about 40-50 hours per month at \$200 per hour. Right now 2-3 hours per day are being lost or 10-15 hours per week.

Shaver said what it comes down to when looking at the Pettit, the Ponds and Madison, the trend really is to cut out additional overhead costs to keep it affordable. When you see a trend where 20% of the players and teams are leaving, either quitting or moving someplace else, you will have gaps in ice time. We need to sell 75% of revenue off of contracted ice time to keep it running tax levy neutral. Pulos added that because the season overlaps the budgetary calendar year, they are asking for an allotment from September to December of this year, which is what the \$36,000 is for.

Motion: Jaske moved, second by Kramer, to approve Ordinance 159-O-002. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

Overview of Parks and Land Use Department Responsibilities and Activities

Administration: Shaver gave a departmental fiscal overview (expenditures: \$18,829,912, revenues: \$13,320,033, operating income \$893,118, tax levy: \$6,492,997). The total number of positions is 198.74 (115.5 regular positions, 79.31 extra help, 3.93 overtime).

Environmental Health: Morris said there are 2 sections to the division: 1) Private Water, and 2) Licensing Public Establishments. He reviewed what each section is responsible for. He discussed statistics for Sanitary Permits by System Type 1992-2003 and # of Sanitary Permits Issued by Municipality in 2003 -- total of 848. He also reviewed licensing programs for restaurant inspections, pool inspections, and hotel and retail food inspections, as well as the number of licenses issued by facility type in 2003 (restaurant, retail food, recreational lodging). He went on to explain Hazardous Materials (lab analysis, fuel tank compliance, sampling), Environmental Programs (radon testing, diagnosis of rabies, lead in your home), and the Humane Officer Program (animal abuse, emergency assistance, rabies control, education).

Land Resources: Lindquist said there are 2 sections to the division: 1) Land and Water Conservation, and 2) Recycling and Solid Waste. He covered the following areas: Recycling (MRF serves 25 communities, annual dividends, 24,000 tons/year), Education & Outreach for Recycling (tours/presentations, green schools, coalition/newsletter, special events), Landfills (3 siting & monitoring committees and landfill fees fund programs), Yard Waste Composting (waste to resource, use compost to reclaim county gravel pit), Household and Agricultural Hazardous Waste (2003 collections: 3 permanent & 6 temporary sites, 37 communities, 4,613 households, 238,000 pounds HHW and 8,100 pounds ag pesticides).

On the land and water side, Lindquist covered: Agricultural Erosion and Runoff Control (technical assistance, cost sharing, easements); Urban Erosion & Stormwater Mgt. (education, enforcement, maintenance); Nonmetallic Mine Reclamation (17 permits, 7 communities, 3 year phase-in); Conservation Education (field days, workshops, water quality monitoring, adult & youth); Resource Mapping & Plan Review (soil map interpretation, watershed protection planning, subdivision plat review); and Current Issues of the Land Resources Division for both sections.

Planning and Zoning: Mace reviewed aspects of the division of which there are 2 major sections: 1) Zoning and Shoreland/Floodland Code, and 2) Development Review & Community Assistance. He covered the following: Waukesha County Development Plan (4 year planning effort 1992-96, adopted by County Board on 11/26/96, effective 1/1/97, used for review of land division and development proposals), Subdivision and Certified Survey Map Reviews (2001 data -- approximately 310 subdivision plats/year and approximately 35 certified survey maps/year, coordinated with County Development Review Team), Community Assistance (4 towns involved, develop or revise land use plans, provide contracted zoning assistance, inter-municipal agreement assistance), and the Zoning Code (soil map interpretation, subdivision plat review). The Zoning Code is administered in 4 towns (Oconomowoc, Ottawa, Genesee, and Vernon). In closing, Mace reviewed the role of the Board of Adjustment, as well as the division's work with the Shoreland and Floodland Code.

Motion to adjourn: Pavelko moved, second by Kramer, to adjourn the meeting at 12:04 p.m. Klein asked to have the meeting time changed as it is difficult for him to get to the meeting at 8:30 a.m. due to work obligations. The committee agreed to change the start time to 8:45 a.m. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline T. Jaske
Secretary

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